

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 186. }

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, November 15, 1862.

I..At a General Court Martial, which convened in the city of Washington, pursuant to "Special Orders," No. 195, dated September 18, 1862, from the Headquarters Military District of Washington, and whereof Colonel W. R. MURPHY, 10th New Jersey Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried Private *John Kessler*, of Company K, 103d Regiment of New York Volunteers.

CHARGE.—"Murder."

Specification—"In this; that the said Private *John Kessler*, Company K, 103d Regiment New York Volunteers, did stab with a bayonet First Lieutenant Fernando Linzy, inflicting a wound in the body of the said Lieutenant Fernando Linzy, Company K, 103d Regiment New York Volunteers, which caused his death, he being at the time in the performance of his duty as an officer in said Company. This at or about the foot of Sixth street, Washington, D. C., on or about the 17th day of September, 1862."

To which charge and specification the prisoner pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDING.

After mature deliberation on the evidence adduced, the Court finds the prisoner as follows:

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

"That Private *John Kessler*, of Company K, 103d Regiment New York State Volunteers, be hanged by the neck until he be dead, at such time and place as the Commanding General may direct, two-thirds of the members of the Court concurring therein."

II..In accordance with the 5th section of the Act approved July 17, 1862, the proceedings and sentence in the case of Private *John Kessler*

have been submitted to the President of the United States, and are by him approved.

III..The General Court Martial, of which Colonel W. R. MURPHY is President, is dissolved.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,

Assistant Adjutant General.